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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicant hereby makes of record the documents listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 Form (1 page) for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. While the references are being submitted herewith, some or all of the references may not constitute prior art under the U.S. patent laws. Please note that German patent document DE 100 80 786 T, of which an abstract has been enclosed and which has been described in the specification in paragraph [0003], is related to U.S. Patent No. 6,410,139, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

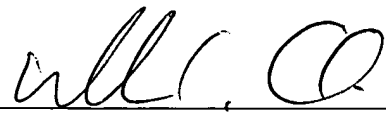
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It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

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